

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A cantilevered structural support that provides a foundation for supporting a freestanding structure, the cantilevered structural support comprising a counterbalance and an elongate support member, the elongate support member having a secured portion that is attached to the counterbalance and a cantilevered portion extending outward from the counterbalance, wherein the elongate support member is configured to extend underneath and support a freestanding structure having a footprint area, ~~wherein the counterbalance is not fixed to a separate building and further the cantilevered structural support does not include a horizontal stabilizing member at the lower end of the counterbalance extending in the same direction as the elongate support member,~~ and when one or more cantilevered structural supports are used to support the structure, the cantilevered portion of the one or more structural supports is configured to support 40% or more of the footprint area of the structure, the cantilevered structural support further comprising one or more anchor bolts and one or more plates attached thereto, the anchor bolts extending into the counterbalance and the plates extending across the support member to attach the support member to the counterbalance.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Original) The cantilevered structural support of Claim 1, wherein the counterbalance is formed of concrete.

8. (Original) The cantilevered structural support of Claim 1, wherein the elongate support member is a beam.

9. (Original) The cantilevered structural support of Claim 8, wherein the beam is an I-beam formed of steel.

10. (Original) The cantilevered structural support of Claim 8, wherein the beam is formed of concrete.

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11. (Original) The cantilevered structural support of Claim 8, wherein the beam is formed of wood.

12. (Currently amended) A method of constructing a cantilevered structural support that provides a foundation for supporting a freestanding structure, the method comprising:

(1) providing a counterbalance; and
(2) attaching an elongate support member to the counterbalance, the elongate support member having a secured portion that is attached to the counterbalance and a cantilevered portion extending outward from the counterbalance, wherein attaching the support member to the counterbalance includes

(a) securing one or more anchor bolts in the counterbalance at locations proximal to the support member;

(b) placing one or more plates across the support member; and

(c) attaching the plates to the anchor bolts, whereby the support member is attached to the counterbalance;

wherein the elongate support member is configured to extend underneath and support a freestanding structure having a footprint area,

~~wherein the counterbalance is not fixed to a separate building and further the cantilevered structural support does not include a horizontal stabilizing member at the lower end of the counterbalance extending in the same direction as the elongate support member,~~

and when one or more of the cantilevered structural supports are used to support the structure, the cantilevered portion of the one or more structural supports is configured to support 40% or more of the footprint area of the structure.

13. (Cancelled)

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15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)

21. (New) A cantilevered structural support that provides a foundation for supporting a freestanding structure, the cantilevered structural support comprising a counterbalance and an elongate support member, the elongate support member having a secured portion that is attached to the counterbalance and a cantilevered portion extending outward from the counterbalance, wherein the elongate support member is configured to extend underneath and support a freestanding structure having a footprint area, and when one or more cantilevered structural supports are used to support the structure, the cantilevered portion of the one or more structural supports is configured to support 40% or more of the footprint area of the structure, the cantilevered structural support further comprising a plate embedded in the counterbalance, wherein the elongate support member is secured to the plate to attach the support member to the counterbalance.

22. (New) The cantilevered structural support of Claim 21, wherein a weld is used to secure the support member to the plate.

23. (New) The cantilevered structural support of Claim 21, wherein head studs embedded in the counterbalance are attached to the plate to secure the plate to the counterbalance.

24. (New) The cantilevered structural support of Claim 21, wherein the counterbalance is formed of concrete.

25. (New) The cantilevered structural support of Claim 21, wherein the elongate support member is a beam.

26. (New) The cantilevered structural support of Claim 25, wherein the beam is an I-beam formed of steel.

27. (New) The cantilevered structural support of Claim 25, wherein the beam is formed of concrete.

28. (New) The cantilevered structural support of Claim 25, wherein the beam is formed of wood.

29. (New) A method of constructing a cantilevered structural support that provides a foundation for supporting a freestanding structure, the method comprising:

- (1) providing a counterbalance; and
- (2) attaching an elongate support member to the counterbalance by embedding a plate in the counterbalance and securing the support member to the plate, the elongate support member having a secured portion that is attached to the plate in the counterbalance and a cantilevered portion extending outward from the counterbalance,

wherein the elongate support member is configured to extend underneath and support a freestanding structure having a footprint area,

and when one or more of the cantilevered structural supports are used to support the structure, the cantilevered portion of the one or more structural supports is configured to support 40% or more of the footprint area of the structure.

30. (New) The method of Claim 29, further comprising welding the support member to the plate.

31. (New) The method of Claim 29, further comprising:

- (a) embedding head studs in the counterbalance; and
- (b) attaching the head studs to the plate to secure the plate to the counterbalance.

32. (New) The method of Claim 29, wherein the elongate support member that is attached to the counterbalance is an I-beam.

33. (New) The method of Claim 12, wherein the elongate support member that is attached to the counterbalance is an I-beam.